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Section 1. Title

This [act] may be cited as the Uniform Occupational Licenses of Servicemembers and Military Spouses Act.

Section 2. Definitions

In this [act]:

(1) "Board" means an entity with authority under state law to license or discipline an individual who engages in an occupation or profession.

(2) "Covered license" means a license issued under law of a state and held in good standing by the licensee in compliance with the professional practice standards of the state. The term does not include a license held by a licensee:

(A) whose license has been suspended or revoked;

(B) who is the subject of disciplinary action by a board;

(C) who is the subject of an investigation relating to unprofessional conduct in a state; or

(D) who has voluntarily surrendered a license in a state while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.

(3) "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

(4) "In-state practitioner" means an individual licensed under other law of this state to engage in an occupation or profession.

(5) "License" means a license, certificate, or other evidence of qualification that an individual is required to obtain before the individual may engage in, or represent the

individual as licensed to engage in an occupation or profession.

(6) "Military orders" means official military orders or a notification, certification, or verification from a servicemember's commanding officer, with respect to the servicemember's current or future military duty status. The term includes a record from a servicemember's commanding officer indicating a change in the servicemember's duty status.

(7) "Military practitioner" means an out-of-state practitioner licensed under Section 4.

(8) "Out-of-state practitioner" means an individual licensed under law of another state to engage in an occupation or profession in the other state.

(9) "Professional practice standards" include:

(A) a standard of care;

(B) a standard of professional ethics; and

(C) a practice requirement imposed by a board.

(10) "Record" means information:

(A) inscribed on a tangible medium; or

(B) stored in an electronic or other medium and retrievable in perceivable form.

(11) "Scope of practice" means the duties or services that may be provided by an individual under a license.

(12) "Servicemember" means a member of a uniformed service.

(13) "Spouse of a servicemember" means an individual who is married to [or is the [domestic partner] of] a servicemember.

(14) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto

Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any other territory or possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(15) "Uniformed service" means the:

(A) active and reserve components of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard of the United States;

(B) commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; or

(C) commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

Legislative Note: *In this section and Section 4(a)(3)(B), if the state recognizes domestic partnerships or civil unions, the state should include the bracketed text in paragraph (13) and insert the term used in the internal brackets. If the state does not recognize domestic partnerships or civil unions, the state should omit the bracketed text.*

Section 3. Scope

This [act] applies to a servicemember or spouse of a servicemember who is an out-of-state practitioner and relocates or will relocate to this state as a result of military orders.

Section 4. Licensing of Out-of-State Practitioner

(a) A board of this state shall issue a license to an out-of-state practitioner not licensed in this state in the occupation or profession for which the practitioner applies who:

(1) is a servicemember or spouse of a servicemember who relocates or will relocate to this state as a result of military orders;

(2) holds a covered license in the same occupation or profession as the license being applied for; and

(3) submits to the board a complete application that includes:

(A) a copy of the military orders showing the need to relocate to this state;

(B) if the applicant is the spouse of a servicemember, proof of marriage

[or domestic partnership]; and

(C) a notarized affidavit [or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury] that the applicant:

(i) is the individual described and identified in the application;

(ii) certifies the statements in the application as true, correct, and complete;

(iii) has read and understands the requirements of this state for the issuance of the license and the scope of practice;

(iv) certifies that the applicant meets the requirements described in clause (iii) and agrees to comply with the requirements for the duration of the license;

(v) is in good standing in all states in which the applicant holds a license; and

(vi) agrees to notify the board of any future disciplinary action taken against the applicant by another board.

(b) A board of this state shall create an application process for licensing under this [act] and shall either issue or deny a license not later than 30 days after receipt of a completed application for the license.

(c) If the board fails to issue or deny the license not later than 30 days after receipt of a completed application, the board shall issue a temporary license with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as a license issued under this section to engage in the occupation or profession until final action is taken on the application.

(d) An out-of-state practitioner may file an application before the practitioner relocates to this state.

(e) An applicant may appeal the denial of an application by the board.

Legislative Note: *A state that has enacted the Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act or a similar act should remove the brackets from the phrase "or unsworn declaration" in subsection (a)(3)(C). A state that has not should eliminate the phrase.*

Section 5. Duration; Renewal

A license issued under Section 4(a) is:

(1) valid for the same licensing cycle or duration as a license issued to an in-state practitioner engaging in the occupation or profession; and

(2) renewable by the board for as long as the military practitioner is:

(A) a servicemember or spouse of a servicemember; and

(B) in this state as a result of military orders.

Section 6. Professional Practice Standards; Scope of Practice

(a) A military practitioner who engages in an occupation or profession in this state shall comply with the professional practice standards, scope of practice, and other law of this state applicable to an in-state practitioner engaging in the occupation or profession.

(b) A board of this state may not adopt, enforce, or implement a rule that establishes different professional practice standards or a different scope of practice for a military practitioner than for an in-state practitioner engaging in the occupation or profession.

Section 7. Disciplinary Action

A board of this state may take disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of a license, against a military practitioner to the same extent and for the same reasons as the board may take disciplinary action against an in-state practitioner engaging in the occupation or profession.

Section 8. Reporting; Designated Individual; Coordination

(a) A board of this state shall make the following information available to the public through reasonable electronic means:

(1) the number of applications received by the board under Section 4;

(2) the average and median application processing times;

(3) the number of licenses issued; and

(4) the number of applications denied.

(b) The information under subsection (a) shall be:

(1) available on a reasonably continuous basis;

(2) updated at least annually; and

(3) available in an electronic format that:

(A) reasonably permits an electronic application or other electronic system generally available to the public to directly use the information, including analyzing, interpreting, processing, reusing, saving, and searching the information; and

(B) does not require the conversion, transcription, translation, processing of images, or similar transformation of the format into another format capable of direct use.

(c) A board of this state shall designate an individual to:

(1) serve as the point of contact between the board and servicemembers or spouses of servicemembers who are or may be eligible for a license under this [act]; and

(2) assist in expediting applications received from servicemembers or spouses of servicemembers.

(d) A board of this state shall take reasonable steps, in coordination with other boards in this state, to:

(1) ensure that resources for applicants who are servicemembers or spouses of

servicemembers are broadly publicized, including through a reasonable electronic means of communication used by the state to communicate information relevant to the applicants;

(2) provide information relating to the application process, available support services, and expected application processing times; and

(3) provide contact information for the individual designated under subsection (c).

[Section 9. Rulemaking Authority]

[A board of this state may adopt rules under [cite to state administrative procedure act] to administer, enforce, and implement this [act].]

Legislative Note: *A state should include this section only if the state's administrative procedure act does not provide adequate rulemaking authority to the state agency.*

Section 10. Uniformity of Application and Construction

In applying and construing this uniform act, a court shall consider the promotion of uniformity of the law among states that enact it.

Section 11. Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act

This [act] modifies, limits, or supersedes the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.[, as amended], but does not modify, limit, or supersede 15 U.S.C. Section 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in 15 U.S.C. Section 7003(b).

Legislative Note: *It is the intent of this act to incorporate future amendments to the federal statute cited in this section. However, the text "as amended" should be omitted in a state that: (1) does not permit incorporation of future amendments when a federal statute is incorporated into state law; or (2) incorporates future amendments into state law even in the absence of a legislative declaration.*

[Section 12. Severability]

[If a provision of this [act] or its application to a person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect another provision or application that can be given effect without the

invalid provision.]

Legislative Note: *Include this section only if the state lacks a general severability statute or a decision by the highest court of the state stating a general rule of severability.*

[Section 13. Repeals; Conforming Amendments]

[(a) ...

(b) ...]

Legislative Note: *A state should examine its statutes to determine whether conforming revisions are required by provisions of this act relating to occupational or professional licensing.*

Section 14. Effective Date

This [act] takes effect […].